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Dear Council Members,

As a long time Cambridge resident I have praised the efforts of our community and city representatives to friends and acquaintances alike. I was always proud to be a Cambridge citizen until now. Your council efforts to discredit a company for doing business with Israel is shameful. Moving ahead with this embarrassing council effort will display your lack of International issues and worse - may infer an Anti-Semitic bias!

I respectfully request that you each take the time to better understand the reality of the Middle-East and use your positions to enhance our city instead. Your obvious ignorance of the way the Palestinian situation has been used by their Arab neighbors to deflect attention from their own abuses of civil rights – using the Palestinians as pawns - has furthered the role of Hamas and Iran to expand a brutal and anti-American ideology. You're playing right into their hands!

May I suggest you act as the democratic organization your role requires, and hold an open forum before you draft any resolution condemning HP or Israel. You have an educated International resource at hand at Harvard, and can easily gain knowledgeable insights from specialists who will expand your understanding of the intent and actions of Hamas. Please request a briefing.

As a group that has a duty to represent residents of Cambridge, you owe it to your constituency to reconsider this proposed action.

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